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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

DOBLER ET AL.

Examiner

Thao P. Le

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 June 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 and 12-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 and 12-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 1/15/04 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 1 page.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

Acknowledge is made of applicants' claim for foreign priority base on an application 103 01 480.2 filed in Germany on 01/16/03.

It is noted that Applicants have filled a certified copy of said application as required by U.S.C 119, which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Election/Restriction

Examiner confirms that Applicants elected to prosecute Claims 1-9, 12-16 and have withdrawn Claims 10-11 without prejudice.

Information Disclosure Statement

Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on **03/11/04** and made of record.
The references cited on the PTOL 1449 form have been considered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

Claims 1-9, 12-16 are rejected under 35 USC 102 (a) as being anticipated by JP Application No. 63178808 (IDS).

Regarding claim 1, JP Application No. 63178808 discloses a method for forming pins comprising: forming pin from a basic body by one punching process step (cutting an external connection lead 12 guided out from sealed body 11), then coating the pin or a section of the pin with a separate metal layer (metallic plating is applied to the cut to form a metal plated layer) (see abstract).

Regarding claim 2, JP Application No. 63178808 discloses the front face at an outer end section of the pin is coated with the metal layer (See the figure in page 1).

Regarding claim 3, JP Application No. 63178808 discloses wherein at least one metal deposition process step is used for coating the pin with metal layer (plating process).

Regarding claim 4, JP Application No. 63178808 discloses mounting the basic body in a housing (abstract).

Regarding claim 5, Application No. 63178808 discloses wherein the mounting of the basic body 16 in the housing takes place prior to completion of the punching out of the pin.

Regarding claims 6-9, JP Application No. 63178808 discloses wherein a plurality of pins positioned side by side, at least one pin positioned outside or outermost, and the plurality of pins are coated with metal layer (figure in page 1, abstract).

Regarding claim 14, JP Application No. 63178808 discloses wherein the basic body is a lead frame 16.

Regarding claim 16, JP Application No. 63178808 discloses the housing is a semiconductor device housing (abstract).

Regarding claims 12-13, 15, JP Application No. 63178808 discloses the deposition of metal is plating process. It is inherent that the plating process is a galvanizing process and a galvanizing potential is generated at the pin by a corresponding voltage being applied at a further in and/or side web connected with the pin internally via the corresponding semiconductor device.

JP Application No. 63312537 (IDS), JP Application No. 06179189 (IDS), and U.S. Patent No. 5,940,279 also disclose the limitations of claims 1-9, 12-16.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 (three) months and 0 (zero) day from the day of this letter. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned (see M.P.E.P 710.02(b)).

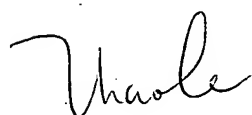
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thao P. Le whose telephone number is 571-272-1785. The examiner can normally be reached on M-T (7-6).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Nelms can be reached on 571-272-1787. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thao P. Le', with a stylized, cursive script.

Thao P. Le

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